with the State Govt. and they have now been paying an equal wage rate of Rs. 27 to male as well as female workers under JRY.

4375. *[Transferred to 27th August, 1993]*

**Implementation of Mangat Dev Visharad Committee Recommendation?)**

4376. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state Government's stand on the land to landless and the implementation of the Mangat Dev Visharad Committee recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR). Information is being collected from the State Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Setting up of rural courts in the Country**

4377. SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up rural courts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where such courts are to be set up;

(d) the stage at which the matter of setting up such courts stands at present;

(e) whether they will be the same as 'Lok Adalats'; and

(0 whether Government are planning to revive and revitalise the organisation of 'Nyaya Panchayats' in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR); (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

(0 In the conference of Ministers and Secretaries incharge of Panchayats of States and Union Territories held on July 3, 1993, it was suggested that Nyaya Panchayats may form a part of the proposed State Legislations on Panchayati Raj or may be legislated seperateiy. However, this being a State subject, it is for the States to take a decision on the revival and revitalisation of Nyaya Panchayats.

**Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh**

4378. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been achieved under Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the progress so made commensurate with the projected plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite spending crores of rupees nothing substantial has been achieved; and

(d) whether the Central Government would consider to seek, techical know-how from countries like Israel, who have made a success story of D. D. Programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The financial performance and physical achievements under the Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh since inception upto 31st March, 1993 were as under—

*Financial Performance:* (Rs. in lakhs)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Allocation** | **1943.50** |
| **Expenditure** | **1908.43** |

***Physical Achievements :***

| S. No. | Core Sector Activities | Area treated (in 00' hects.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Land Resources Development | 33.34 |
| 2. | Water Resources Development | 27.78 |
| 3. | Afforestation & Pasture Development | 68.66 |

(d) At present there is no proposal to seek technical know-how from Israel or any other country under Desert Development Programme in Himachal Pradesh.

**Financial asistance for drought affected areas of Orissa**

4379. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: